THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 4th July 1952.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at four of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Grant of special conveyance allowance to non-executive gazetted officers in the City.

* 10 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a special conveyance allowance has been granted to the non-executive Gazetted officers in the Secretariat and other Gazetted officers in the Madras City with effect from this year;

(*b*) the special reasons for the grant of this allowance not provided for in the Fundamental Rules, to the Secretariat and other Gazetted officers in the City; and

(*c*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to grant similar allowance to the Superintendents and other ranks of non-gazetted officers in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) In February 1952 a conveyance allowance of Rs. 75 per mensem was granted to gazetted officers in Madras City on pay not exceeding Rs. 1,000 but maintaining a car.

" (*b*) I am not in a position to say more than this, that it does help Government if this class of officers maintain a quick conveyance and a modest conveyance allowance like this would be a good inducement.

" (*c*) I am sorry, No, Sir."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR:—" May I know, Sir, if the Fundamental Rules have been changed? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" No. Sir, I do not think the Fundamental Rules have been changed. For this purpose, it is not necessary to change them. Probably the hon. Member (Mr. Purushothama Mudaliar) who has more experience in the Secretariat than myself may know it; I may be wrong."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU:—" May I know, Sir, what the actual cost is? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I will enquire and tell, Sir."

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" When the higher paid officers are paid this allowance, would it not be fair, and reasonable, Sir, if the Superintendents of the Secretariat who also take files home are granted some modest allowance, say a cycle allowance of Rs. 4 per mensem? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This conveyance allowance for maintaining a fast conveyance does not bear comparison with what the hon. Member has proposed; I am more likely to cut this one out than increase in other directions."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" Would it not be possible to make some arrangement in the City Bus Service for taking the Government servants to the Secretariat and other public offices and back by at least providing them with monthly season tickets at concession rates? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We shall take the suggestion of the hon. Member into consideration; I hope the hon. Member will support us when other people make a grievance of it."

Gorwala's Report on Public Administration.

* 11 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a copy of Gorwala's Report on Public Administration (1951) was received for consideration by this State Government;

(*b*) what steps have been taken to improve the administrative machinery and methods in the light of the suggestions contained in Gorwala's Report; and

(*c*) what steps have been taken to avoid delay in the despatch of business in all departments of Government?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) A copy of the report was received by this Government.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Orders in respect of certain recommendations have already been issued. Other recommendations are under examination."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister give details of the recommendations of the Gorwala Committee's Report? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is a long report and some suggestions have been published widely in the newspapers; its chief aim is to improve administrative efficiency. Some of the instructions would be quite confidential such as those concerning office work but other matters may be published as soon as the recommendations are accepted."